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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff

SUBJECT: ORE Position on Processing Foreign Broadcast Materials

1. As a result of a meeting held on 27 November at the suggestion of the Deputy Assistant Director for Operations and attended by representatives of ORE, ICAPS, OC&D, and Office of Operations, the following statement of the ORE position on the processing of Foreign Broadcast Materials is forwarded for your information.

2. ORE is understood to be the exclusive research and evaluation agency of the Director of Central Intelligence, and therefore may not delegate to another part of Central Intelligence Group its responsibility for preparing interpretive analysis of FBIS materials.

3. It is agreed, however, that certain processing of materials can go on without infringing on the ORE mission and responsibility. Such processing would include the preparing of resumes, summaries, condensations; the compiling of extracts along selected topical lines; comparison of propaganda lines either at different periods or beamed toward different countries, etc. Such processing, which may be termed factual analysis, will put in a more useful form the large volume of broadcast material collected daily; and it can best be done by members of FBIS staff who are experienced in handling these materials and habitually concerned with them.

4. ORE is satisfied to leave such factual analysis to FBIS, reserving to itself such interpretive analysis as may appear necessary.

5. ORE would wish to be assured:

a. That in case of doubt as to the nature of an analysis requested of CIG by a user, there will be consultation between FBIS and ORE, and that ORE's decision as to what is interpretive analysis in each case will govern; and

b. That any interpretive analysis will be prepared by, and will be indicated as the product of, ORE.

6. It is the opinion of this office that such factual analysis as is described in paragraph 3 above, will be helpful to ORE in its work.

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7. While the analogous problem of exploiting foreign press and periodicals was only briefly discussed at the meeting, it is the opinion of this office that similar principles will apply and can be used as the basis for agreement on operations in this field.

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